

Watkins-Cartan House  
25 Isabella Avenue  
Atherton  
San Mateo County  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE California	COUNTY San Mateo	TOWN OR VICINITY Atherton
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Watkins-Cartan House		HABS NO. CA-1990
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 25 Isabella Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1866	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This house is an outstanding example of Gothic Revival architecture as interpreted in California in the 1860s. It was built in 1866 for Commodore James Thomas Watkins, captain of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The Cartans, who acquired the house in 1945, are responsible for the extensive landscaping.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Gothic Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame with horizontal siding; criss-crossed sheathing between the exterior and interior walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) L-shaped, approximately 41'-8" (three-bay front) x 50'-6" -- see measured drawings		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof with cross gables, gable wall dormers, paired brackets at cornice, one-story porch, partially enclosed, on three sides, elliptical arches between box columns on porch, hoodmolds on openings.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Carved wood and marble mantelpieces		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Moved to its present site in 1903 from a site about six blocks away. Porch on rear enclosed, porch on side glassed in; spiral staircase changed to straight run.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register Nomination by Dorothy Regnery. Dorothy F. Regnery, <u>An Enduring Heritage</u> (Stanford: Stanford U. Press, 1976), pp.46-47.		
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